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Dash Board Items/ Studies:	April 18, 2008 QI Committee's next Project?	April 18, 2008 Handout: Additional Information Regarding the 15 Foster Care Cases from 2007 (The follow-up report from last month) The committee reviewed and discussed the information on the report. They agreed that the information was helpful, but concluded there was no pattern in the abuse cases and that each case was unique, so there would be nothing to target as a Project.	
	June 6, 2008 QI Committee's next Project	Handout: Utah Foster Care Citizen Review Board - 2007 Annual Report Brenda asked the committee to please read the handout and to pay special attention to recommendations 3 and 4 as a possibility for our next Project. June 6, 2008 Handout: 2008 National Convening on Youth Permanence Linda and Daryl Melton attended The National Convening on Youth Conference and created a handout for the committee to	April 18, 2008 We will discuss recommendations 3 and 4 as a possibility for our next Project in our next meeting on June 6 th . June 6, 2008 The committee will review the handout and at our next meeting be prepared to discuss their ideas for our next project using Permanency as our theme.
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	April 18, 2008 Congratulations to our committee members Linda and Daryl Melton. They have been selected to attend the National Permanency Conference for Foster Care Youth in Washington DC.	April 18, 2008 Linda and Daryl will report to the committee on their experiences at the National Permanency Conference.
	June 6, 2008 The committee welcomed a new member to our committee, Suzanne Buchanan. Suzanne is from the Davis County School District. Immersion Day and Celebration of Hope - Our theme for the Immersion Day and Celebration of Hope will be Permanency.	June 6, 2008 We will discuss dates for Immersion Day and Celebration of Hope in our next meeting.
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		June 20, 2008 The committee is hoping to set a date for the Immersion Day sometime late September or early October.	June 20, 2008 Carol will check with Duane and Lisa- Michelle to see which dates work best for them.
		The Celebration of Hope will be held October 17 th .	The theme for the stories will be cases going above and beyond to find family permanency for children. Carol will send an email to the region.
CPS Issues:		April 18, 2008 Discussed CPS Issues above in the Dash Board items while discussing the handout on the abuse in the 15 foster care cases.	
		June 6, 2008 Discussed CPS Issues in the QCR results. June 20, 2008 No CPS issues discussed.	
QCR Participation:	April 18, 2008 QCR Stakeholder Interview: Guests: Dan Choate - ORS Julene Jones - ORS	April 18, 2008 Dan Choate and Julene Jones from ORS attended our QI Committee Meeting for a Stakeholder Interview with our committee the week before our QCR. We had a large attendance for this meeting. Dan explained the QCR process for the benefit of our new committee members.	April 18, 2008 We will announce the QCR results at our next meeting.

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	,	Dan asked our committee "what in the past year has changed – and what have we accomplished"?		
		The committee members told Dan that we are proud of what we have accomplished over the year.		
		We have held two successful Immersion Days, which were attended by 60 - 70 people each time.		
		The committee members all agreed our Immersion Days, and the positive media attention we received, have helped to improve the community's perception of DCFS.		
		The committee also held another Celebration of Hope for the Stories of Hope. It was a great success. The Celebration of Hope helps to improve staff morale.		
		The Project the committee recently completed was in relation to the low number of referrals from the medical field. The Project, which included educating personnel on how and when referrals should be made, has helped to improve communications and promote better relationships between DCFS and the medical field.		
		Dan discussed other subjects with the committee and concluded by encouraging committee members to participate next year		

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		in the QCR process and thanking them for taking part in the Stakeholders' Interview.		
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	QCR Results	Brenda encouraged the committee members to attend the QCR Exit Conference on Friday, April 25 @ 10:00 at the Ogden DCFS Building.	The QCR results will be discussed at our next meeting on June 6 th .	
	June 6, 2008 QCR Results Guests: Kevin Jackson - DCFS Julene Jones - OSR Brad McGarry - OSR	June 6, 2008 Handout: FY2008 Qualitative Case Review-Northern Region Preliminary Data - 23 of 24 Cases Kevin reported the great news to the committee. The Northern Region passed the QCRs with exceptional scores! The committee reviewed the handout and Kevin answered questions from the committee. Julene and Brad congratulated the Northern Region on the outstanding work they do and the exceptional scores they achieved in the QCRs! Julene reported the Stake Holders' Reviews were outstanding. She said they received very positive comments on the QI Committee's Immersion Day. Positive recognition was also given on: • Mediation process	June 6, 2008 Kevin encouraged the committee members to participate in next year's QCRs which will be in March.	

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	June 20, 2006	the Foster Care Foundation High Cost Staffings Clinical person available in the office to the foster parents. Comments from Committee Members Reviewers: Sally Jones, Joyce Booth and Brenda Durtschi participated in the QCRs this year and all reported what a interesting, valuable experience it was and encouraged other committee members to sign up to participate		
Other Business:	April 18, 2008 Independent Living Home	next year. April 18, 2008 Four girls living at the IL Home recently celebrated getting their diplomas or GED. Mayor Godfrey would still like the neighborhood to be single dwelling homes. He has recommended other dwellings for the Independent Living Home to be moved to. They were not appropriate for the ILH. Lisa-Michele Church and Duane Betournay will be visiting with the neighborhood on May 7th. They will also be showing the landscaping plans being developed. They would like to get Ogden City Schools and the girls involved with the project. Lisa-Michele is still supportive of the	April 18, 2008 The committee will continue to follow up on the status of the Independent Living Home.	

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		Independent Living Home staying there. We are requesting emergency money to update the basement in the home where the girls that have babies live.	
		The supervisor of the IL Home has worked well with the neighborhood and there have been fewer complaints.	
	June 6, 2008 Independent Living Home	June 6, 2008 Lisa-Michele Church and Duane Betournay met with Mayor Matthew Godfrey concerning the IL Home. The Mayor still feels the IL Home should be moved. Lisa-Michele and Duane still support the IL Home staying where it is.	June 6, 2008 Carol will bring a copy of the letter to the Mayor to the next committee meeting.
		A letter will be prepared to and sent to the Mayor concerning this situation. June 20, 2008 A landscape design has been created and work on the landscaping will begin soon.	June 20, 2008 The letter to the Mayor is still at the state office and will be sent out soon.
	June 6, 2008	June 6, 2008 Court with Lisa-Michele- The committee was presented the opportunity to attend Court with Lisa-Michele on July 8 th . Lynell Packer and Eileen Nicholas will be participating.	